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DECLARATION OF
THE KING, CONCERNING
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ted contrarie therunto, untill this
present, by any of his saide Ca-
tholique Subiects.*



At BURDEAUX.

By S. Milanges, ordinarie Printer vnto the
King. 1589.

DECLARATION OF

THE RIGHT OF CONSCIENCE

the government of the United States

his Catholic subjects, to the enjoyment of

the same, in all the States of the Union

and of all the Territories under its

jurisdiction, and of the right of

the same to be secured by

the laws of the United States



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A declaration of the King, concerning the obseruation of his Edicts of the vnion of his Catholique subiects, to the rooting out of heresie: carying withall, a putting vp and burying of all such thinges, as haue beene committed contrary therevnto, vntill this present, by any of his said Catholique Subiects.



HEnry by the grace of God King of Fraunce, and Poland, to all those to whom these presents shal come greeting. We haue at all times, and specially since our Edict of the moneth of July last past, tryed by all manner of meanes possible, to vnite all our good Catholique subiectes to liue in concord and good will, and vnder our authoritie: to the ende that from the said vnion, and strength that shoulde rise of it vnto vs, we might reape the fruite which we haue alwaies sought after and endeuoared vnto, to cleanse this our realme from heresies, and to establish in it our holy faith, the Catholique, Apostolicke,

licke, and Romane religion: for seeing plaine-
 ly, that there coulde spring nothing els from
 the diuision of our saide Catholique subiects,
 but a desolation of the saide religion, and the
 ouerthrowe of our state. And although of late
 some were founde neere about vs, which did
 strue too too manifestly, in our presence, and
 els where, by their adherents, to kindle and
 foster the saide diuision, to breed in euerie one
 a misliking of our proceedings, and to bring
 downe altogether our authoritie: wee not-
 withstanding, with great patience and equa-
 nimitie, haue tollerated the effects of their euill
 will which they shewed in this behalfe, trying
 by all fauour and good vsage that wee could,
 to bowe their hearts, and bring them vnto that
 which was agreable to reason, for the good &
 quiet of our said state, & the maintaining of our
 said catholique religion. They neuerthelesse
 not being withdrawen from their pernicious
 practises, neither through the saide effectes of
 our gentlenesse and holy purpose, nor through
 any other consideration: wee founde out that
 they were growen so farre, as to haue attemp-
 ted a rebelle against vs and our authoritie
 which to withstand, wee haue bene constrai-
 ned, to our great griefe, to preuent their sini-
 ster practises. But for the singuler good will,
 which hath bene bred with vs, and alwaies
 continued, and will continue towards our
 saide Catholique subiects, with like care of
 their

their quietnesse, safetie, and preservation of
their liues, that a father might haue ouer his
childzen; we haue vsed such gentlenesse and
moderation in the same, as to restraine and
stay the punishment in the heades onely and
authoꝝ of the euill, hauing spared their adhe-
rents and seruants, and receiued them among
ours, vpon the promise which they haue giuen
vs to be hence forwarde loyall and faithfull
subiectes. And although as well by our for-
mer actions, as by this our latter doing, we
haue giuen such euident witnesse of our holie
intention, gentlenesse, and clemencie, that no
man neede to doubt thereof: notwithstanding
to make it moze manifest to all men, we
for these causes, haue signified, declared, and
protested, and by these presents doe signifie, de-
clare, and protest, that, that which is happe-
ned, hath beene for nothing else, but for the in-
fringing of our said Edict in the moneth Iuly,
euen since the publication thereof. And for the
execution of that which is contained in it, our
will and intent is to haue it kept, obserued,
and maintained from point to point, as a
grounded lawe, as we haue established it, and
sworne in the assembly of our states, according
to the forme and tenor thereof. Yet not with-
standing to assure all other which may haue
beene partakers of contrarie demeanoꝝ there-
vnto, that they shall neuer be called in question
for it, and to maintaine them in the vnion of
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our other Catholique subiects vnder one obedience: we haue put vp, buried, and abolished, and doe by these presents put vp, bury, and abolish, of our full power, speciall fauour, and royall authoritie, all that, wherein they may haue faulted in the behalfe of their duty of obedience which they owe vnto vs: and the oath taken by them for the obseruation of our said edict: so that they shall not hereafter be attached or molested any waies or means that may bee, which we inhabite vnto all our iudges & officers. And in this behalfe we haue enioyned, & doe by these presentes enioyne silence vnto our generall attourney: & to all others, vpon condition, that henceforth they shall wholly relinquish all leagues, associations, practises, dealings, attempts, and intelligences with any person, whatsoeuer he be, within or without our said realme: nether shall they make any, nor enter into any, nor participate nor cleaue to any, directly or indirectly, in what sort or manner soeuer it be, which moreouer we forbid most expressly vnto all our subiectes, what quality or condition soeuer they be of. And if hereafter any oppose himselfe in this case, wee enioyne most expressly our saide Judges and officers to proceede against them, as in our said Edict is specified. Also we giue charge to our trustie and welbeloued of our Courts of Parliaments, Bailiffs, Stewards, or their deputies, and to all other Iustices and officers whome

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it shall belong vnto , that they cause these presents to be red, published , and registred, and the contentes thereof to keepe, and cause to bee kept, obserue , and maintaine , according to their forme and tenor , without any thing to the contrarie, and not to suffer the breach thereof by any, in any wise : for such is our will. In witnesse whereof , wee haue caused our Seale to be set to these presents. Given at Bloys, the last of December, in the yeere of our LORD 1588.

And of our raigne
the 15.
(.♦.)

Sygned thus. HENRY.

And vppon the folding vp.

By the King. Reuol.

And sealed in yelow wax vpon a double labell hanging downe.

Red, published, and registred, at the request of the Kings generall Attorney, at Burdeaux in the parliament, the 19 of Ianuary. 1589.

Sygned thus. D. ARNAL.